(b) if so, the details thereof for the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b): Yes, Sir. The Government have cleared 150 projects located in Andhra Pradesh during the last two years. The sector-wise details are given in the following table:

Sector	2004	2005
Industrial	8	95
Mining	19	8
River Valley & Hydrolectric Projects	–	7
Thermal Power Projects	1	–
Infrastructure & Misc. Projects	1	9
New construction Projects & Industrial Estates	-	2
TOTAL	29	121

Shrinking of Forest cover in Kerala

1113. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORETS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country's forest cover is fast shrinking particularly in Kerala;

(b) whether it is also a fact that encroachment on the forest land by and large resulted in losing forest cover in most areas;

(c) if so, the details of the forest land encroached upon during the last three years in the state; and

(d) the measures Government have taken to end this practice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) No, Sir. The 'State of Forest Report-2003', a biennial report published by Forest Survey of India, has reported an increase in the forest/tree cover of the country including Kerala.

(b) Encroachment, to some extent has resulted in degradation of forests.

(c) In Kerala, during last three years, 376 hectares of forest land was encroached. Out of this, encroachment on 151 hectares has been evicted.

(d) Some of the measures taken by the Government to check encroachments are:-

- Regular patrolling and surveillance.
- Survey and demarcation of forest boundaries.
- Eviction of encroachments.

Cleansing of Yamuna

† 1114. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission is of the view that the river Yamuna cannot be cleaned like the Thames;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the precentage of Yamuna cleaned, so far; and

(d) the action being taken by Government to clean the Yamuna completely?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The Yamuna Action Plan (YAP) Phase-I was started in April, 1993 in the three States of U.P., Delhi & Haryana with support for funding from the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) and was completed in February, 2003. A total of 255 schemes of pollution abatement of the river have been completed and a sewage treatment capacity of 741 mld created under this phase.

The second phase of the project under YAP Phase-II with JBIC-assistance has commenced in the States of Delhi, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh in December 2004. The major item of works to be implemented under this phase are:

- Rehabilitation of truck sewers (30.82 kms.) and works of Sewage Treatment Plants (135 mld new and 324 mld rehabilitation) in Delhi.
- Construction of Sewage Treatment Plant (38 mld) and Rehabilitation of Sewer Lines/Rising Mains (85.7Kms.) in UP.

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